

Cost Share Ready!!!

2011



ANDREW COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Agrarian

The Andrew County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors has voted to eliminate the Cost-Share sign-up and scoring process for all practices. Funding for all state cost share practices will be available on a *first-come first serve basis* when the field has been harvested and ready to be surveyed. It is the landowners (LO's) responsibility to notify the office when ready to start the conservation work. At this point your name will be put on the "Ready to Work List", which the staff uses to schedule stakeout work. The staff contacts the landowner by order of signup basis on the "Ready to Work

List." If the LO is not ready when contacted, the LO will be bypassed. LO's will not be contacted again. The district staff will continue down the existing list in order of the original signup order.

Effective July 1, 2011 the Andrew County SWCD is offering the following cost-share practices to Andrew County landowners :

- Grazing Management. - \$19,788.00
- Sensitive Areas - \$16,524.00
- Sheet, Rill, & Gully - \$258,142.00
- Nutrient Management - \$20,000.00

Earthwork will still be based on Andrew County's average price. A Vendor Input/ACH-EFT Application will need to be

completed for direct deposit payments. Cost share contract cannot be complete without this form and any delay will slow down the process in receiving your designs. The District pays up to 75% of the state average cost on the individual components necessary for completion of the project. Landowners will be eligible for funding every other year. The annual limit to each landowner will remain the same as in previous years. The number of practices to receive cost share is based on the amount of funds we have been allotted for FY12.

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President Lyndon B Johnson

Websites that may be of interest....

Andrew County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://www.swcd.mo.gov/andrew>
Andrew County University of MO Extension: <http://extension.missouri.edu/andrew>
Missouri Natural Resource Conservation Service: www.mo.nrcs.usda.gov
Soil Surveys: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>
Missouri Department of Conservation: www.mdc.mo.gov

NW Regional Grazing School

The single most important management factor in determining the profitability of a livestock operation is keeping feed cost low....

Why buy it when you can grow high quality feed yourself through a Management-Intensive Grazing (MIG) system? Producers will be provided with the skills to understand the essential components of a successful planned intensive grazing system, and management techniques to make the intensive grazing system work for them.

Some of the Topics Covered at the Grazing School:

- ⇒ Livestock Water
- ⇒ Grazing Basics
- ⇒ Plant Growth and Species
- ⇒ Fencing
- ⇒ Layout and Design
- ⇒ Meeting the Nutritional needs of Livestock with Pasture
- ⇒ Extending the Grazing System



This is an approved school for individuals interested in Planned Grazing System assistance program through the local Soil and Water Conservation District.

NOTICE TO HISPANIC AND/OR WOMEN FARMERS OR RANCHERS:

COMPENSATION FOR CLAIMS OF DISCRIMINATION

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic, or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation. This means you may be eligible if:

1. you sought a farm loan or farm-loan servicing during that period; and
2. the loan was denied, provided late, approved for a lesser amount than requested, or approved with restrictive conditions, or USDA failed to provide an appropriate loan service; and
3. you believe these actions were based on your being Hispanic, or your being female.

If you want to register your name to receive a claims packet, you can call the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429 or access the following website: www.farmerclaims.gov

In 2011, a claims administrator will begin mailing claims packages to those who have requested one through the Call Center or website. The claims package will have detailed information about the eligibility and claims process.

For guidance, you may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider in your community.

If you are currently represented by counsel regarding allegations of discrimination or in a lawsuit claiming discrimination, you should contact your counsel regarding this claims process.

USDA Cannot Provide Legal Advice to You.

You are not required to hire an attorney to file a claim, but you may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider in your community for additional guidance.

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AVISO A AGRICULTORES O GANANDEROS HISPANOS Y A MUJERES AGRICULTORAS O GANADERAS

COMPENSACIÓN POR RECLAMACIÓN DE DISCRIMINACIÓN

Si usted considera que el Departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos (USDA por sus siglas en inglés) le negó indebidamente beneficios de préstamos agrícolas entre los años 1981 y 2000 por ser hispano o mujer, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para solicitar compensación. Usted podría cumplir con los requisitos si:

1. solicitó del USDA un préstamo agrícola a la prestación de servicios de administración de préstamos agrícolas durante ese período, y
2. El préstamo fue negado, otorgado tarde, aprobado por un monto menor al solicitado o aprobado con condiciones restrictivas, o el USDA no prestó un adecuado servicio de administración de préstamo, y
3. Usted considera que estos actos ocurrieron por ser usted hispano o mujer.

Si desea inscribirse para recibir los documentos para reclamación, puede llamar al Centro de Llamadas para Agricultores y Ganaderos al 1-888-508-4429 o ingresar a la página web: www.farmerclaims.gov.

En el 2011, un administrador de reclamaciones comenzará a enviar por correo los documentos para reclamación a quienes los hayan solicitado por medio del Centro de Llamadas o la página web. Los documentos para reclamaciones incluirán información detallada sobre los requisitos y el proceso de reclamaciones.

Para recibir mayor orientación puede comunicarse con un abogado u otro proveedor de servicios legales en su comunidad.

Si actualmente lo representa un abogado con respecto a quejas de discriminación o ha iniciado una demanda alegando discriminación por el USDA, debe ponerse en contacto con su abogado respecto a este proceso de reclamaciones.

El USDA no le puede proporcionar asesoría legal. No es necesario contratar un abogado para presentar la reclamación, pero puede ponerse en contacto con un abogado u otro proveedor de servicios legales de su comunidad si desea orientación adicional.

El Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos es un
Proveedor y empleador que apoya la igualdad de oportunidades.



C Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) management practices are required on all enrolled CRP land in the third to sixth year of contract. Management practices will be applied on one third up to half (1/3—1/2) of the contract acreage per year. A practice may be applied only one time in a program year (10-1 through 9-30). For all contracts 20 acres or less management practices may be performed on 100 percent of the contract acreage during any one(1) of contract years 3-6. The landowner has three management practices to choose from that are listed below.

STRIP DISKING

P Provides essential open habitat and promotes annual seed producing plants. Disked strips (a maximum of 75 feet wide) are to be rotated with un-disked strips(2 times the disked width) across the field on the contour. Disking shall be 2 to 4 inches deep.

Strip Disking Dates:

July 16—December 31

PRESCRIBED BURNING

C Prescribed burning removes heavy thatch and encourages the growth of wildflowers, legumes, and seed-producing plants. In any one year, approximately 1/3 to 1/2 of the contract acreage, including firebreaks, shall be burned. Producers are strongly encouraged to request a "Prescribed Burn Plan" well in advance of these dates from their local NRCS office.

Prescribed Burning Dates:

Cool season grasses: *March 15 to April 30*

Native warm season grasses: *July 16 to March 15*

CHEMICAL APPLICATION

i An application of herbicide can temporarily set back the growth of one grass species to allow for the growth of wildflowers, forbs, and legume species to increase the stand's diversity. In any one year, herbicides may be applied on approximately 1/3 to 1/2 of each contract field. Herbicide application rates must be consistent with the label for the product for temporarily retarding vegetative growth without completely killing the species to be controlled.

Chemical Application Dates:

Cool season grasses: *March 15 to April 30 or Oct. 1 to Dec. 1*

Native warm season grasses: *July 16 to September 15*

**MANAGEMENT PRACTICES CAN NOT
BE PERFORMED DURING THE
PRIMARY NESTING SEASON
(MAY 1 TO JULY 15) ON EITHER
COOL OR WARMS SEASON GRASSES**



Is CSP Right For You?

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is a voluntary program that encourages agricultural and forestry producers to address resource concerns by (1) undertaking additional conservation activities and (2) improving and maintaining existing conservation systems. CSP provides financial and technical assistance to help land stewards conserve and enhance soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. CSP pays participants for conservation performance - the higher the performance, the higher the payment.

"Other than planting 2.5 acres of wildflowers for native pollinators, CSP simply awarded me for conservation I was already employing on my land. My advice is to go visit with your local NRCS office and ask about CSP." Dave Avis, Warrenton, MO

If you recently received a 2011 CSP contract.... One of the key components to receiving a CSP contract is your agreement to implement a new activity (enhancement). As a CSP contract owner, you are responsible for implementation of this new enhancement. At a minimum, one new enhancement activity must have implementation started within the first year of the contract. The first year of your contract ends September 30, 2011.

What does starting implementation mean? An example would be if you agreed to plant a 1/2 acre pollinator habitat. The seeding date does not start until November 15, 2011 so you cannot plant the seed before the end of the fiscal year, September 30th. But you can start the implementation by purchasing the seed. A ticket or receipt will need to be brought into our office as proof that the seed was purchased before **September 30th, 2011**.

Another example of starting implementation is purchasing drift reducing nozzles for your sprayer, but you have not sprayed with them yet. Once again, a receipt will need to be brought into our office by Sept. 30th, 2011.

Not implementing a practice within this first year is a violation of your contract. If you have not completed this to date, please keep it in mind to do by September 30. If you have questions about your activities to implement, don't hesitate to call our office to discuss. 1-816-324-3196 ext. 3



The Andrew County Soil and Water Conservation District will be holding its Board of Supervisors' election in April 2012. The Supervisors representing Empire/Platte and Lincoln/Jackson/Nodaway township will be up for election.

District Board of Supervisors

Chairman - Danny Lightle - Area I

Vice Chairman - Ron Willis - Area II

Treasurer - Mike Cole - Area IV

Secretary - Jim Humphrey

Member - Dallas Tritten - Area III

Calendar Calendar

Aug. 18 - Board Meeting

Sept. 5 - Labor Day

Sept. 8 - Board Meeting

Sept. 14 - Conservation Kids Day

Oct. 10 - Columbus Day

Oct. 13 - Board Meeting

Nov. 6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 10 - Board Meeting

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